

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CADE JEFFREY HAMILTON
and SHYLA CRYSTAL HAMILTON, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHARON MARIE HAMILTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

JEFF MCLAUGHLIN,

Respondent.

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January 29, 2008

No. 278693

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 05-447918-NA

Before: Beckering, P.J., and Sawyer and Fort Hood, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Sharon Hamilton appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 351; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Respondent's drug usage subjected the children to a substantial risk of harm while in her care and, despite several months of services and treatment, she had not resolved her mental health and substance abuse issues.

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra* at 351. The older child had been in foster care most of his life and the younger child for all of her life. The trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *In re Trejo, supra* at 356.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Beckering

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood